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### 14TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S INVITATIONAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The 14th Annual Concordia University Women's Varsity Invitational Tournament will get underway this Friday, February 5th at the Concordia Ice Arena, 7200 Sherbrooke St. West. This year's international tourney once again will highlight the eight top teams in Eastern Canada and the United States and should provide plenty of excitement over the two-day period.

Action gets underway Friday night at 5 p.m. as Colby College from Waterville, Maine meet York University, followed by the University of New Brunswick - John Abbott College contest at 6:30 p.m.. The host Concordia Stingers will engage the Cornell University Big Reds at 8 p.m., while Providence College from Rhode Island meets the University of Toronto at 9:30 p.m..

The Consolation games for Friday nights losing teams will be played at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Saturday morning, while the winners square off at noon and 1:30 p.m.. The Consolation Championship and third place games are slated for 3:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. respectively, with the Championship game following at 6:00 p.m..

The Colby "White Mules" are making their first appearance in the Concordia Tournament since winning it in 1977. Head coach, Bob Ewell has 11 lettermen from last years 12-6-1 squad led by senior tri-captains Jeffra Becknell, Linda Churchill and Katherine Cowles.

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The York "Yoewomen" are presently in second place in the Ontario Women's Interuniversity Athletic Association with a 7-4-1 record. Rookie Coach, Linda Berry has guided the squad to a first place finish in the York Invitational Tournament behind the play of Barb Boyes, Sue Howard and Judy Butler.

The John Abbott "Islanders" have experienced a fine season so far with a victory over Concordia in November and are presently in second place in the Quebec Women's Intercollegiate Hockey League. Coach Glenn Ruiter has received excellent play from the defensive corps including goaltender Karen Kane and defencemen Louise Duguay and Kelley Parsons.

This year's version of the U.N.B. "Red Blazers" has developed into one of the strongest teams in Eastern Canada and has already captured the St. Mary's Invitational this season. Coach Howard Myatt has 13 returning veterans and is confident his squad will put up a good showing this weekend.

Since Bill Duthie assumed the reins of the Cornell "Big Red" hockey team, they have amassed an exceptional 112-40-4 record, placing third in the first A.I.A.W. Ice Hockey championships in 1980. Junior, Digit Degidio is the team's top scorer with 15 goals and 11 assists.

The host "Stingers" are presently in first place in the Q.W.I.H.L. with an 8-1 league record and a 16-3 overall mark. Coach Bill Doherty boasts one of the top lines in Canada in Corinne Corcoran, Kathy Casey and Edith Langlois who have combined for over 50 goals so far this season. Converted forwards Julie Healy and Maureen Maloney provide added strength to the defensive crew, anchored by Beth Egan. The goaltending duo of Denise Bienvenu and Kerry Laughlin have combined for a remarkable 1.4 goals against average this season.

The Providence "Lady Friars" appear to be the pre-tournament favorite featuring a veteran laden team. Coach John Marchetti's skaters have registered a perfect 9-0 record so far, including a victory over the University of New Hampshire, U.N.H.'s first loss in three years. Jackie Gladu (12-16-28) and Cindy Curley (13-13-26) lead a well-balanced attack.

The Toronto "Lady Blues", defending Ontario Champions, are presently in first place in the Ontario Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Coach Dave McMaster has blended twelve veterans and ten rookies into one of the top squads in Eastern Canada. This will be the first time the Lady Blues have played in our Tournament.